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SENATE BILL 2152

By Dixon

AN ACT to enact the "Discipline Act of 2002", and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Parts 34, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 70.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Discipline Act of 2002".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (10) and renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(10) Exhibiting disrespectful language or behavior to a principal or teacher;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4013, is amended by adding the following new sentence:

Each code shall also include the preferred terms by which students address and respond to teachers and other school personnel including the use of courtesy titles such as "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Miss", as appropriate, and the use of "Sir" or "Ma'am".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4103, is amended by adding the following new sentence:

Corporal punishment may also be used as an element in enforcing behavior and discipline codes.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 70, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 49-6-7004. Parents shall be informed of the expected standards of behavior of their children towards teachers and other school personnel, and the consequences of not meeting these standards.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.